

## **Design and Access Statement**

**Ref: Berry Cottage, Cakeham Road, West Wittering, Chichester, PO20 8AA**

### **Context**

This application is for a free standing greenhouse to be installed within the residential curtilage of Berry Cottage, a residential property. Berry Cottage lies in the Wittering Conservation Area.

### **Amount**

The proposed greenhouse has a floor area of 16.7 m<sup>2</sup> with cold frames totalling an additional 2.8 m<sup>2</sup>.

### **Scale**

The proposed greenhouse measures 2.9 m wide by 5.1 m long. The greenhouse has a ridge height of 2.9 m and a roof pitch of 45°. The dimensions of the greenhouse are proportional to the available space.

### **Layout**

The greenhouse is located to the south of the main dwelling, close to the existing garage to provide a sense of containment with the existing outbuilding.

### **Use**

The greenhouse will be used by the owner of Berry Cottage to create a space for growing and overwintering a variety of plants. The greenhouse will have no impact on the current use of the land, which will remain as residential garden.

### **Appearance**

The proposed greenhouse is to be built using polyester powder coated aluminium, designed to replicate a traditional timber structure. The structure is to be coloured a light grey-green (RAL 7032) and is designed to sit on plinth walls. The plinth walls of the greenhouse are to be constructed of brick which will mellow quickly and attractively. Both these choices have been carefully made to ensure the greenhouse is sympathetic to the garden setting and conservation area.

The use of aluminium as a material has been deliberately chosen by the applicant as not only does the overall design give the appearance of a traditional painted timber structure but also as the material will not deteriorate over time which would otherwise cause the greenhouse to detract from its immediate setting and the wider area.

We believe it is essential that the look of our structures is not compromised and it is to this end that we have sought the advice of The National Trust and English Heritage over the past few years. This has resulted in our designing profiles and features to enhance the aesthetics of our structures which has enabled us to obtain consent for greenhouses throughout the country in other sensitive areas, including AONBs, Conservation Areas and the New Forest & South Downs National Parks.

On a further note the National Trust Architectural Panel have worked with us designing a glasshouse to their specification at the Vyne, a grade 1 listed garden in Hampshire. They have also chosen Alitex to work with them in other sensitive gardens throughout the UK.

### **Access**

The greenhouse is for the private use of the owners of Berry Cottage. Access to the property, whether vehicular or pedestrian, is unaffected by the development.